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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - VISIT TO MEXICO OF COLOMBIAN
OFFICIAL, DR. FRANCISCO BERNAL

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1. ON RECEIPT REFTEL, EMBASSY INQUIRED INFORMALLY OF MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IF IT HAS RECEIVED REQUEST EITHER THROUGH MEXICAN EMBASSY IN BOGOTA OR COLOMBIAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO FOR POSSIBLE VISIT TO MEXICO CITY AND CULIACAN NEXT WEEK OF COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS OFFICIAL. AS OF JANUARY 26 NO SUCH REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

2. WE CONTINUE TO URGE THAT USG NOT RPT NOT ARRANGE VISITS TO MEXICO OF NARCOTICS OFFICIALS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES UNLESS AND UNTIL THE VISITOR'S GOVERNMENT HAS ITSELF CONTACTED THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL. WE WILL, AS IS CURRENTLY THE CASE WITH MAROOFI OF AFGHANISTAN, GLADLY ASSIST SUCH VISITORS TO THE EXTENT THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS CANNOT DO SO, BUT WE FEEL IT IMPERATIVE NOT TO APPEAR TO BE THE BROKERS BETWEEN TWO OTHER SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

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3. FEBRUARY 2 - 5 VISIT, AS PROPOSED REFTEL, UNFORTUNATE. MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIS KEY SUBORDINATES WILL BE FULLY OCCUPIED WITH VISIT OF U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL, FOR WHICH MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL IS HOST. SPRAY ACTIVITIES IN CULIACAN WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED OR SUSPENDED UNTIL MID-FEBRUARY DUE TO DEDICATION OF AVIATION RESOURCES TO COUNTRY-WIDE INTENSIFIED VISUAL

RECONNAISSANCE SWEEP.

4. SUGGEST EMBASSY BOGOTA CONFIRM THAT GOC REQUEST HAS
IN FACT BEEN MADE OF GOM. IF SO, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO
INFORM REQUESTING AGENCY THAT MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL
HAS NOT RECEIVED REQUEST. IN ANY CASE, SUGGEST THAT VISIT
BE POSTPONED UNTIL CULIACAN OPERATION RETURNS TO NORMAL
AND BERNAL CAN BE ASSURED PROPER ATTENTION IN MEXICO CITY.
PLEASE ADVISE. LUCEY

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